

## Introduction to Mayor's Floodplain Task Force Recommendations

Floodplain Task Force **recommendations reflect the majority opinion** of those present at meetings where polling and decisions regarding policy recommendations took place. All policy items were discussed at multiple meetings. While significant efforts were made to schedule meetings in such a way as to include the majority of Task Force members, attendance varied from meeting to meeting due to members attending to other commitments. As described in the *Facilitation and Process* section the polling results from each decision-making session were recorded and are included in Appendix G.

Ultimately, the Floodplain Task Force's recommendations for New Growth Areas and the Existing Urban Area are very similar, differing in the administrative relief identified for Item 3, "No Net Rise/Compensatory Storage," and Item 12, "Substantial Improvement Threshold." There was a great deal of discussion about the **fairness of applying higher standards within New Growth Areas versus the Existing Urban Area**, which was presumed to affect existing homes and businesses in the floodplain and to have greater constraints for new development. For the purposes of this report, **the policy recommendations for New Growth Areas remain separate from the recommendations for the Existing Urban Area**, given that the Task Force made a clear distinction between these two areas throughout the process. Thus, there is a **significant degree of repetition between the two sections** with regard to both the policy recommendations and the accompanying discussion.

For context and understanding, Task Force recommendations are accompanied by information relating to issues raised and important facts considered by the group during the course of formulating each policy recommendation. Information relating to Item 3, **No Net Rise/Compensatory Storage, is the most lengthy** due to this recommendation being one of the most consequential, and the **substantial number of complex issues and technical pieces of information** assimilated by the Task Force in making decisions regarding this policy recommendation.